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FOR: HIGH AFFINITY TGF β NUCLEIC ACID LIGANDS
AND INHIBITORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments into the application:

In the Claims:

1. (amended) A purified and isolated non-naturally occurring RNA ligand to TGF β 2 wherein said ligand is selected from the group consisting of the sequences set forth in Tables 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16-19, and Figure 9 (SEQ ID NOS:21-121 and 128-193).

9. (new) A complex comprised of a TGF β 2 nucleic acid ligand, and a non-immunogenic, high molecular weight compound or lipophilic compound, wherein said ligand is selected from the group consisting of the sequences set forth in Tables 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16-19, and Figure 9 (SEQ ID NOS:21-121 and 128-193).

10. (new) The complex of claim 9 further comprising a linker between said ligand and said non-immunogenic, high molecular weight compound or lipophilic compound.